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HART HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Toronto, July 26th, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert:

Miss Mutch, the new Superintendent of the Dining Hall, is to be here by the 4th of August. I have just been making further enquiries from Mr. LePan as to the availability of the quarters formerly occupied by Miss Ryley. You will remember that I referred to this matter in my letter to you of the 8th instant.

Mr. LePan informs me that there have been no other applications for the use of these rooms and I am therefore assuming that there will be no difficulty in the way of our use of them. Arrangements are being made to have Miss Mutch and her assistants occupy the rooms as soon as possible after their arrival.

I shall be very glad to know whether this meets with your approval.

There is another matter upon which I should like to have your advice. The use of casual labor in the Dining Hall has always presented difficulties. This year I am afraid it will be harder than ever to obtain the services of women of the right type without paying them extremely high wages. While I was in Ottawa a plan was broached to bring to Canada a number of women who had been war workers in England. The scheme included the establishment here of a hostel which would accommodate between sixty and eighty such women, to be employed on either whole time or part time basis. It was thought that Hart House could secure twenty of these for the Dining Hall.

It now appears that this plan cannot be entered upon until sometime during the winter. I find, however, that the Hart House Committee can avail itself of an agency in England that would be responsible for choosing the women who would come. With an initial capital expenditure it would be possible for us to rent and furnish a house somewhere in the neighborhood with accommodation for twenty women, who would come on the understanding that the party should not be broken up and that some reasonable provision should be made for their social life.

The advantages of such a scheme seem to me inestimable. The girls would be of a type practically impossible to secure now in Canada. I have recently seen one of them who is superior in every way and is taking a thoroughly intelligent interest in her work. I know that, with the arrangements already made, ~~that~~ it would be possible to obtain such women without any great difficulty. The wages that we should have to pay would not be greater than in the case of casual labor, and we should have the satisfaction of obtaining good service in return.

The only way in which the Committee could attempt to finance such a scheme would be to take advantage of the Dining Hall surplus. Am I right in assuming that the surplus would in any event be placed in the hands of the Hart House Committee for administration in connection with the Dining Hall? If this is the case, it would be a question of laying the details of the new plan before the Committee and of obtaining the sanction of the Finance Committee to the expenditure of a certain proportion of this surplus in establishing the new centre.

I feel very strongly that the most careful consideration should be given to this whole plan. The arrangement with these women would be in the nature of a contract and would, I firmly believe, relieve Miss Mutch,and incidentally the Committee,of a great deal of difficulty that would otherwise be experienced with regard to the engagement of help. There is this advantage as well - that Hart House would be in the van of the new movement which, I venture to say, is the only solution of the domestic problem that has any reasonable chance of success.

As a matter of fact when the larger scheme is put into operation it will be possible for the Hart House plan to be incorporated in it,which would mean a relief from the capital invested; or if the plan were proving a success and the returns in room rent repaid a fair interest on the investment, to continue on its own merits.

These, in rather sketchy outline, are the details of the plan. My real purpose in laying them before you is to know whether or not the surplus would be in the hands of the Committee for its use in connection with the Dining Hall. If this is the case I should at once be able to take steps to bring the whole matter under discussion so that we might be in a position to use part of this surplus in the manner indicated if the Committee is in agreement with the scheme.

I hope that you are enjoying a pleasant vacation and that you will pardon the intrusion of these matter upon what ought to be rather restful days.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Bowles

Warden.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President, University of Toronto,
Huntsville,
Ontario.

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HART HOUSE

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Toronto, October 9th, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert:

Following the last meeting of the Hart House Committee I called in Mr. Reed and Mr. Grant, as representatives of the Athletic Association and Administrative Council, to discuss in preliminary fashion the question of University membership.

The Athletic Association and the Administrative Council both feel very strongly, I understand, that arrangements should continue to be made to allow members of the faculties in question not federated with the University to enjoy University privileges. The Registrar, on the other hand, maintains the position that membership is now and should probably continue to be very strictly limited to those faculties federated with the University. Hart House finds itself administered by a constitution embodying the point of view held in the Registrar's Office, and at the same time housing two associations which, quite frankly, adopt the wider interpretation.

Under the circumstances I feel that a solution can only be arrived at by a conference in which the Board of Governors and the Registrar's Office will be represented, as well as those other organizations within the University. May I respectfully suggest that such a meeting would enable us all not only to state our problem very clearly, but to take whatever measures are possible to adjust discrepancies that exist.

With the question of membership we could perhaps at the same time consider the payment of the Hart House fee. As you know, the Athletic Association has hitherto granted the privilege of locker space only to those who had paid the Athletic Association fee. As membership in Hart House includes membership in the Athletic Association, this rule cannot be enforced unless a larger rule is put into operation with regard to the whole Hart House fee. I should appreciate it very much if this matter could receive some attention, so that we might discover what policy it would be best to adopt.

Yours faithfully,

W. L. Bowles.

Warden.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President,
The University of Toronto,
Toronto.

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October 28th, 1919

W. J. Gowles, Esq.,
Warden, Hart House,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Gowles:

Dean Pakenham has referred to me a difficulty with regard to the returned soldiers in the Faculty of Education who have had their Hart House fees paid by the Department of Education. The Bursar has received the money in a lump sum and cannot give individual receipts. The Dean therefore proposes that he should endorse each soldier's registration card with some suitable wording which might be accepted by you as their certificate of membership in Hart House. If you agree to this will you kindly let me know and I will notify Dean Pakenham ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

HART HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Toronto, October 28th, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert:

Confirming my conversation with you, may I say that it will be quite satisfactory if Dean Pakenham will endorse each soldier's registration card as a certificate of membership in Hart House.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Bowlby

Warden.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

November 21st, 1919

H. B. Bowles, Esq.,
Warden, Hart House.

Dear Mr. Bowles:

I will bring the matter of the equipment of the Dining Hall as you have stated it in your letter before the next meeting of the Board. In general the matter was up a while ago but I think no decision was arrived at.

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 25th, 1919

H. F. Bowles, Esq.,
Warden,
Hart House.

Dear Mr. Bowles:

Will you please ask the Stewards of Hart House if they will allow the classical staff of the combined colleges to give a reception to the Philological and Archaeological Institute after the Presidential address on the evening of Monday, 29th December ? I think that their request is almost involved in the granting of the privileges of the use of the theatre for the Presidential address on that evening.

The Governors will give a dinner to the Visiting Societies on December 31st in the Great Hall.

Yours sincerely,

President.

HART HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Toronto, November 29, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert:

At the last meeting of the Stewards of Hart House, it was resolved that the members of the Ontario Cabinet be granted the use of the gymnasium in Hart House during their term of office.

This is the matter referred to in the letter to you of November 19 from the Secretary of the Athletic Association.

In addition, the Stewards resolved that the Premier of the Province and the Minister of Education be elected to honorary membership in Hart House for the period of their term of office.

The Stewards respectfully request that you forward to the Premier and the members of his Cabinet notification of the action of the Stewards, with due regard to the fact that the original suggestion emanated from the Directorate of the Athletic Association.

Yours faithfully,

W. F. Bowles.

Warden.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President,
The University of Toronto.

December 1st, 1919

H. F. Powles, Esq.,
Warden, Hart House,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Powles:

I will be glad to inform the Premier and members of the Cabinet as to the action of the Stewards of Hart House with regard to the use of the Gymnasium during their term of office; and also as to the election of the Premier and Minister of Education to honorary membership in Hart House during their period of office.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 8th, 1919

N. F. Bowles, Esq., B.A.,
Warden, Hart House.

Dear Mr. Bowles:

In view of strong representations that were made to the Caput at its meeting on Saturday, and I am given to understand in concurrence with the views of the Stewards of Hart House themselves, it was decided that permission would be given that the formal dances of each faculty, which are authorized by the Caput and held in Hart House, should continue to not later than 1 a.m. This regulation will not invalidate the twelve o'clock rule which holds regarding all other functions in the University.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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HART HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Toronto, December 10th, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 8th instant, informing me of the special permission given by the Caput in the matter of extending the closing hour for formal dances authorized by the Caput to 1 a. m.

It is understood that this regulation covers only large dances of each faculty that are held in Hart House.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Bowles

Warden.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,

President,

The University of Toronto.

HART HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Toronto, December 17th, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert:

The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Bell, has this week received from the Registrar record cards covering membership in Hart House of the undergraduate body registered in the University.

From time to time I have spoken to both the Registrar and the Bursar of the University about the question of fees. As the matter stands now payment of fees due to Hart House may be postponed under the Regulations applying to fees for the University as a whole. This apparently means that if any students succeed in leaving the University before examination time, without having paid any fees, Hart House will be the loser to the extent of the Hart House fee in each case. Possibly nothing can be done during this academic year to alter the situation, but it seems to me that we ought to look ahead to next fall with a view to requiring that the Hart House fee, at least, be paid within the first month of the University year. Hart House estimates are based on receipt of fees from all men whose names are submitted by the Registrar. This being the case, it is a question whether, since it is difficult to place a check of any sort upon the members actually using Hart House, the Finance Committee should suffer because of any non-payment of fees whatsoever at the end of the term. Apart from this, however, there still remains the fact that the payment of a fee to the Bursar and the issuing of a card upon payment of that fee would probably enable Hart House to place a much stricter check upon the membership.

I take the liberty of making these suggestions because the Finance Committee has considered the whole question, and further discussion will probably be needed before anything is finally done.

Yours faithfully,

W. F. Bowker

Warden.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President,
The University of Toronto,
Toronto.

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HART HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

March 15th, 1920.

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Dear Madam :

In accordance with your request of the 10th, instant, Suite No.6. has been reserved for Friday evening, March 19th, for Professor Le Bidois. Arrangements have also been made for him to have his meals in the Faculty Union .

Yours faithfully,

W.F.Burke.
Warden.

The President's Secretary,
University of Toronto.

Board

HART HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Toronto, Ontario, June 12, 1920.

Dear Sir Robert :

I have understood after conversations with you that Dr. Henderson and Mr. G.M.Smith have been appointed by you to the Stewards of Hart House. Might I for purposes of record have official confirmation of these appointments and of Mr. Massey's re-appointment by the Board of Governors.

Yours faithfully,

W.H.Bowles.
Warden.

The President,
University of Toronto.

June 14th, 1928

Fue Harden,
Hart House.
Dear Mr. Fowles:

I will have the appointment of Mr. Smith and Dr. Henderson made at the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 26th, 1920

The Warden,
Hart House,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Davies:

At the meeting of the Board of Governors on Thursday Mr. Vincent Massey was appointed to represent the Governors on the Board of Stewards of Hart House.

I also nominate again for the academic year 1920-21 Dr. T. R. Henderson and Professor G. M. Smith.

Yours sincerely,

President.